

U. S. MARINE READING LIST

The current U.S. Marine Reading List may be accessed on the Internet at: <http://www.mcu.usmc.mil/reading/readinglist.htm>. The list is divided into sections by general topic. Within each section, foundation books are listed first, with more advanced books toward the end of the list. Marines should read and discuss books from all sections.

The Marine Corps Heritage Section

A Marine Named Mitch
U. S. Marines: 1775-1975
Battle Cry
Fix Bayonets!
Strong Men Armed
The Right Kind of War
The U. S. Marine Corps Story
Tarawa
Iwo Jima, Legacy of Valor
Flights of Passage
Unaccustomed to Fear
Breakout
First to Fight
Semper Fidelis
With the Old Breed
Once A Legend
Fortunate Son
Reminiscences of Marine
Chosin
In Many a Strife
Once A Marine
The Marine Corps' Search for a Mission: 1880-1898 LeJeune
Maverick Marine
No Bended Knee

Paige
Simmons
Uris
Thomason
Leckie
McComick
Moskin
Sherrod
Ross
Hynes
Willock
Russ
Kulak
Millet
Sledge
Hoffman
Riller
LeJeune
Hammel
Millet
Vandergrift
Bartlett
Schmidt
Twining

Leadership, Memoir, and Biography Section

A Message to Garcia
Fields of Fire
Battle Leadership
Riflemen Dodd
Marine
Uncommon Men: Sgts/Maj of the Marine Corps
Acts of War
Challenge of Command
The Forgotten Soldier
We Were Soldiers Once, and Young
Three War Marine
Pegasus Bridge
Band of Brothers
Company Commander
Once an Eagle
Profession of Arms
Anatomy of Courage
Freeman on Leadership
Follow Me
Grant Takes Command
Moral e: A Study of Men and Courage
It Doesn't Take a Hero
Patton: A Genius for War
Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant
Years of MacArthur
The Quiet Warrior
100 Days: The Memoirs of the Falklands
Follow Me
The General
Pershing

Hubbard
Webb
Von Schell
Forester
Davis
Chapin
Holmes
Nye
Sajer
Moore and Galloway
Pany
Ambrose
Ambrose
MacDonald
Myrer
Hackett
Mbran
Smith
Newman
Catton
Baynes
Schwarzkopf
D'Este
Long
James
Buell
Woodward
Newman
Forester
Snythe

Eisenhower's Lieutenants
 Nimitz
 General of the Army: George C. Marshall
 Foundations of Moral Obligation
 Memoirs of General W. T. Sherman
 Nightengale's Song
 My American Journey

Wigley
 Potter
 Gray
 Brennan
 Royster
 Tinberg
 Powell

Theory, Nature, and History of War Section

Art of War
 On Infantry
 The Face of Battle
 Maneuver Warfare: An Anthology
 Gallipoli
 For the Common Defense
 On War
 Knight's Cross
 The Enlightened Soldier
 Race to the Swift
 Military Misfortunes
 Gates of Fire
 What are Generals Made of
 Generalship, Its Diseases and their Cures
 Guns, Gems, and Steel

Sun Tzu
 English and Gudmundsson
 Keegan
 Hooker
 Morehead
 Millett & Mislowski
 Clausewitz
 Fraser
 White
 Simpkin
 Cohan
 Pressfield
 Newman
 Fuller
 Diamond

Strategy, Policy, and Civil-Military Relations Section

U.S. Constitution
 Declaration of Independence
 Strategy
 The Military
 Citizen Soldiers
 Battle Cry of Freedom
 On Strategy
 Makers of Modern Strategy
 George Washington and the American Military Tradition
 The Making of Strategy
 Eagle and Sword: Federalist and the Creation
 of the Military Establishment in America
 The Peloponnesian War
 The 25 Year War
 A Democracy at War
 Military Innovation in the Interwar Period
 On the Origins of War and the Preservation of Peace
 Diplomacy
 In Retrospect
 The Best and the Brightest
 Dereliction of Duty

Jefferson
 Liddell Hart
 Miskios
 Ambrose
 McPherson
 Summers
 Paret
 Higginsbotham
 Murray
 Kohn
 Thucydides
 Palmer
 O'Neill
 Millett & Murray
 Kagan
 Kissinger
 McNamara
 Halberstram
 McMaster

Operations, Campaigns, and Battles Section

The Bridge at Dong Ha
 Fire in the Streets
 The Buffalo Soldiers
 Tip of the Spear
 Grant and Lee
 The Killer Angels
 Operation Buffalo
 Black Hawk Down
 The Middle Parts of Fortune
 Devil Dogs

Miller
 Hammel
 Leckie
 Michaels
 Fuller
 Shaara
 Nolan
 Bowden
 Manning
 Clark

Landscape Turned Red
 The Price of Glory
 The Breaking Point
 Victory at High Tide
 The Easter Offensive
 No Victor, No Vanquished: Yom Kippur War
 Phase Line Green
 The War of American Independence
 At Dawn We Slept
 Guadalcanal, The Definitive Account
 Defeat into Victory
 Utmost Savagery
 Eagle Against the Sun
 The General's War
 Take That Hill! Royal Marines in the Falkland War
 The Campaigns of Napoleon
 To Lose a Battle
 Korean War
 A Bridge Too Far
 A Woman at War

Sears
 Horne
 Doughty
 Heini
 Turley
 O'Ballance
 Warr
 Higginbotham
 Prange
 Frank
 Slim
 Alexander
 Spector
 Gordon & Trainor
 Vaux
 Chandler
 Horne
 Ridgway
 Ryan
 Moore

Doctrine, Training, and Tactics Section

Starship Troopers
 The Defense of Duffer's Drift
 Soldier's Load
 Red Badge of Courage
 Ender's Game
 Attacks
 Common Sense Training
 Maneuver Warfare Handbook
 Battle Studies
 Infantry in Battle
 The Dynamics of Doctrine
 Panzer Battles
 Defense of Hill 781
 Company Command: The Bottom Line
 Dieppe: The Shame and the Glory
 This Kind of War
 Forward into Battle
 How The War Was Won
 The Killing Ground
 Seeds of Disaster
 Airwar in the Persian Gulf

Heinlein
 Swinton
 Marshall
 Crane
 Card
 Rommel
 Collins
 Lind
 Ardant du Picq
 U.S. Infantry School
 Lufker
 Mclenthin
 McDonough
 Meyer
 Robertson
 Fehrenbach
 Griffith
 Travers
 Travers
 Doughty
 Murray

Small Wars Section

The War of the Running Dogs
 The Village
 The Old Man's Trail
 Terrorism Leader
 War in the Shadows
 How We Won the War
 Firepower in Limited War
 Guerilla Strategies
 Small Wars Manual, NAVMC 2890
 Mao Tse-Tung on Guerilla Warfare
 Street Without Joy
 A People Numerous and Armed
 Che Guevara on Guerilla Warfare
 Hell in a Very Small Place
 The Army and Vietnam

Barber
 West
 Campbell
 Laquer
 Asprey
 Giap
 Scales
 Chaliand

 Mao Tse-Tung
 Ell
 Shy
 Guevara
 Ell
 Krepinovich

A Savage War of Peace
 Our Great Spring Victory
 From Beirut to Jerusalem
 A Bright Shining Lie
 Giap
 A Savage War of Peace

Horne
 Van Tien Dung
 Friedman
 Sheehan
 Macdonald
 Horne

"Sinews of War" Section

(Airpower, Command, Geography, Intelligence, Logistics, and Seapower)

American Gunboat Diplomacy
 Price of Admiralty
 U. S. Marines and Amphibious War
 History of U.S. Military Logistics
 Battle for the Falklands
 Airpower & Maneuver Warfare
 U. S. Marine Corps Aviation: 1912- Present
 History of Marine Corps Aviation in WWII
 Command in War
 Supplying War
 Moving Mountains
 Ultra in the West: The Normandy Campaign, 1944- 1945
 Luftwaffe
 Price of Admiralty
 Clashes -- Air Combat Over North Vietnam
 War Secrets in the Ether
 Logistics in the National Defense
 Rise and Fall of the Great Powers

Hagan
 Keegan
 Isely & Crowl
 Peppers
 Hastings
 Van Creveld
 Mersky
 Sherrod
 Van Creveld
 Van Creveld
 Pagonis
 Bennett
 Murray
 Keegan
 Michely
 Hide
 Eccles
 Kennedy

Commandant's Favorites

Commandant's Bedrock Foundation:

A Bright Shining Lie
 Gods of War
 Battle Cry
 Cigars, Whiskey, and Winning
 The Forgotten Soldier

Neil Sheehan
 John Toland
 Leon Uris
 Kal tman
 Guy Sajer

Commandants Current Favorites:

Gates of Fire
 Citizen Soldiers
 My American Journey
 Breakout
 Blackhawk Down
 Marines of Autumn

Steven Pressfield
 Stephen Ambrose
 Mark Bowden
 Martin Russ
 Mark Bowden
 James Brady

Former Commandants' Choices:

29th Commandant General Alfred M. Gray:

Battle Leadership by Adolph Von Schell

30th Commandant General Carl E. Mundy:

We Were Soldiers Once and Young by Harold Moore and Joseph Galloway

31st Commandnt General Charles C. Krulak:

Rifleman Dodd by C. S. Forrester